

Meeting Summary of the Senate Bill 375 Regional Targets Advisory Committee

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Sacramento Council of Governments

(Conf. call with Bay Area, Central Valley, Southern California, and San Diego)

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Discussion Highlights

RTAC Chair Mike McKeever noted that the intent of this meeting is to discuss the scenario survey data that is being collected from MPOs in preparation for the June 3 RTAC meeting.

ARB staff reviewed RTAC's preferences by the majority of members to have targets expressed as a relative per unit reduction from a current year, using a uniform method that is sensitive to regional differences. ARB staff then described the scenario data request and some preliminary results.

The RTAC also discussed issues relating to the target-setting approach, and suggestions on the focus of future RTAC discussion, including:

- What can regions do to reduce greenhouse gases, what policies or actions can be implemented, and how the process would work
- Role of transportation demand and systems management strategies (SCAG and SANDAG offered to provide information on TDM/TSM strategies)
- Case studies illustrating success/failures in implementing smart growth principles
- Impact of federal actions and current economic conditions on RTAC recommendations
- "Points for policies" approach to setting targets

Survey Data Gaps

RTAC discussion highlighted additional suggested information for ARB staff to continue collecting, including:

- Measures of housing affordability (house prices, affordability indices)
- Data on below market housing stock
- Transportation demand management and transportation system management strategies
- Lane miles

- Congestion or travel speed indicators
- Interregional travel statistics
- Transit versus road spending
- Land use or scenario data – some MPOs provided an overview of their current scenario development/Blueprint efforts, and illustrated the challenges of developing and providing data

Members present:

Chesley, A.
Libicki, S.
Rawson, M.

Cohen, S.
Kimsey, D.
Walters, J.

Gallegos, G.
McKeever, M.
Woo, M.